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Examiner: L. Thanh

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For: Systems and Methods Employing a Bite Block Insert for Positioning and Stabilizing External Instruments Deployed within the Body

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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## STATUS

2. Applicant is

☒ a small entity☐ other than a small entity.CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8(a))

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If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings and 37 CFR 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply

(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

(a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1450.00	\$ 725.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	five months	\$1970.00	\$ 985.00

Fee: \$ 725.00

If an additional extension of time is required please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR

(b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE DEFICIENCY

**NOTE:** *If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).*

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 06-2360.

## AND/OR

☒ If any additional fee for claims is required charge Account No. 06-2360

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